

States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with the resolution of advice and consent to ratification of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling, and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, adopted by the United States Senate on April 24, 1997, I hereby certify pursuant to Condition 7(C)(i), Effectiveness of the Australia Group, that:

Australia Group members continue to maintain equally effective or more comprehensive controls over the export of: toxic chemicals and their precursors; dual-use processing equipment; human, animal, and plant pathogens and toxins with potential biological weapons applications; and dual-use biological equipment, as that afforded by the Australia Group as of April 25, 1997; and

The Australia Group remains a viable mechanism for limiting the spread of chemical and biological weapons-related materials and technology, and the effectiveness of the Australia Group has not been undermined by changes in membership, lack of compliance with common export controls and nonproliferation measures, or the weakening of common controls and nonproliferation measures, in force as of April 25, 1997.

The factors underlying this certification are described in the enclosed statement of justification.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 12, 2003.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 7:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by M. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment to the Senate to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 2) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal years 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 346. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving certain prescribed acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster declared by the President, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act.

H.R. 395. An act to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees for the implementation and enforcement of a "do-not-call" registry, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 141. An act to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

At 7:54 p.m. a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 35. Concurrent Resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a technical correction in the enrollment of H.J. Res. 2.

H. Con. Res. 41. Concurrent Resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated.

H.R. 4. An act to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 346. An act to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act to increase civil penalties for violations involving certain prescribed acts or practices that exploit popular reaction to an emergency or major disaster declared by the President, and to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to seek civil penalties for such violations in actions brought under section 13 of that Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship was discharged from further consideration of the following measure which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

S. Res. 55. Resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1182. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2001 Annual Report describing the activities and operations of the Public Integrity Section, Criminal Division; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1183. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of proposed legislation for the inclusion in the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2004; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1184. A communication from the Chief General Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rules Governing Availability of Information—31 CFR part 501" received on February 5, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1185. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1186. A communication from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on D.C. Act 14-590 "Standard Valuation and Nonforfeiture Temporary Amendment Act of 2002" received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1187. A communication from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on D.C. Act 14-591 "Unemployment Compensation Services Temporary Act of 2002" received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1188. A communication from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on D.C. Act 14-584 "Cady's Alley Designation Act of 2002" received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1189. A communication from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on D.C. Act 14-577 "Hotel Development Projects Labor Peace Agreement Act of 2002" received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1190. A communication from the Chairman of the Council, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on D.C. Act 14-589 "Towing Vehicles Rulemaking Authority Continuation Temporary Act of 2002" received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1191. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Solicitor General, received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1192. A communication from the Deputy White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination withdrawn for the position of Assistant Secretary, Department of Education, received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1193. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a modification to Section 609(b) of Public Law 101-162, received on February 10, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1194. A communication from the Hawaiian Congressional Delegation, transmitting, the report of the intent to address the impact of the Compact of Free Association (P.L. 99-239) between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM); to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.